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1. (Unclassified - BAA) LIAISON Dr. Harlan Strauss, House Republican Conference staff, called requesting a copy of the publication entitled, "International and Transnational Terrorism: Diagnosis and Prognosis," and I said I would send him one.

2. (Unclassified - SKM) EMPLOYMENT Received a call from Jim Conrad, on the staff of Representative Stephen Neal (D., N. C.), who was inquiring about constituent [redacted] application for STAT employment with the Agency. After checking with the Office of Personnel, I called Conrad back and told him different offices were still reviewing [redacted] file, and an interim letter had been sent to him on 29 July 1976.

3. (Unclassified - LLM) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Called Dick Lieberman, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to determine if the briefing he had received on chemical warfare had satisfied his requirements, as discussed with him previously. He agreed that the briefing had accomplished what we thought it would.

4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) LIAISON Called Howard Liebengood, on the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, in follow-up of Senator Howard Baker's earlier interest in Frank Sturgis and the story concerning Jack Ruby's trip to Cuba. Liebengood agrees wholly with the fact that Sturgis was never in our employ, and I explained that the only information we have involving the Jack Ruby story is in the form of a mimeographed newsletter mailed from Cuba to the Cuban community in Miami. I offered to make available to him a copy of "Accion," which carried the story. Liebengood appreciated the call and the offer and will contact us if he needs any further help.

5. (Unclassified - LLM) INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Called Larry Smith, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and made final arrangements for his briefing at Headquarters on the SS-20 at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. Ev Hineman, OWI, has been advised.

D R A F T

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Press Reports Alleging Jack Ruby's Travel to
Cuba in 1963.

1. The Evening Star of 9 July 1976 carried an inside article entitled "Ruby Met With Castro, Sturgis Says". The five paragraph article made the following allegations:

- a. Watergate burglar Sturgis says Ruby met Castro and discussed "removal" of Kennedy ten weeks before the assassination.
- b. Sturgis passed above information to U.S. Government agencies in early 1964.
- c. Sturgis' investigation of Cuban exile involvement in assassination was negative.
- d. Sturgis refused to identify agency for which employed, but is known to have worked for CIA.
- e. Sturgis said his investigation produced evidence that Oswald and Ruby "were involved in the same conspiracy along with other people."

2. The following comments re Sturgis' remarks are based on Agency records:

- a. With regard to the allegation that Sturgis was employed by the Agency, the report of the Rockefeller

Commission on page 252 states that Sturgis admitted under oath that he was never an employee of the Agency and a search of Agency records revealed no evidence of such employment in any form.

b. The Agency reported to the FBI in CSCI 3/779,814 on 30 January 1964 that an unevaluated and unconfirmed report of a visit by Ruby to Cuba in late 1962 or early 1963 had been received from Havana. This report was actually based on a two page mimeograph newsletter entitled "Accion" which was mailed from Cuba in an envelope postmarked 28 December 1963, purportedly by an underground anti-Castro group. This newsletter, received in Miami on 13 January 1964 by the anti-Castro group known as the DRE, was ~~also~~ widely circulated in the Cuban exile community and was the subject of a newspaper article in the 29 January edition of the Miami News under the headline "Ruby Visited Cuba -- Exiles Say". [] 29 January 1964).

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c. There has been no confirmatory information for that report either before or since it was made.

d. There is no record in the Agency that this allegation was reported directly to the Warren Commission by the Agency, presumably because it had

already been reported to the FBI. (Also see attached memorandum for the record by Captain John Matheny, NSC Staff.)

f. In a memo to the Warren Commission on 15 September 1964 the DDP Mr. Karamesines said, "The Agency has no indication that Ruby and Oswald . . . might have been connected in any manner."

g. Our records clearly show that the 30 January 1964 memorandum to the Bureau reporting on the alleged Ruby visit to Cuba in 1963 was in the file of material made available to the Senate Select Sub-committee staff on 1 December 1975.